

1 1-7 (Cancelled)

1 8. (Currently Amended) [The telephone system of claim 1] A telephone system
2 comprising:
3 _____ a portable phone that includes a position detector that detects the position of the
4 portable phone;
5 _____ a second phone; and
6 _____ a call router that automatically rings the second phone without requiring input
7 from a user of the portable phone when a call is received for the portable phone if the
8 portable phone is within a predetermined physical relationship with the second phone as
9 indicated by the position detector in the portable phone, wherein the call router further
10 rings the portable phone when a call is received for the second phone if the portable
11 phone is within the predetermined physical relationship with the second phone.

1 9. (Original) The telephone system of claim 8 wherein the call router rings the portable
2 phone at the same time the call router rings the second phone, and connects the call to
3 whichever of the portable and second phones that is answered first.

1 10-15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently Amended) [The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of] A
2 method for selectively ringing or not ringing a second phone when a call is placed to a
3 portable phone, the method comprising the steps of:
4 _____ the portable phone using an internal position detector to detect its geographical
5 position; and
6 _____ automatically ringing the second phone without requiring input from a user of the
7 portable phone when a call is received for the portable phone if the portable phone is
8 within a predetermined physical relationship with the second phone as indicated by the
9 internal position detector in the portable phone; and
10 _____ ringing the portable phone when a call is received for the second phone if the
11 portable phone is within the predetermined physical relationship with the second phone.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising the steps of:
2 _____ ringing the portable phone at the same time the second phone is rung; and
3 _____ connecting the call to whichever of the portable and second phones that is
4 answered first.

1 18. (Original) A telephone system comprising:
2 (A) a portable phone that includes a position detector that detects the position of
3 the portable phone;
4 (B) at least one defined geographical region, each defined geographical region
5 having corresponding phone parameters that determine how a call is rung and routed;
6 (C) a mechanism that receives the position of the portable phone from the position
7 detector, and that determines from the position of the portable phone whether the portable
8 phone enters or exits a defined geographical region; and
9 (D) a call router that rings and routes a telephone call according to the phone
10 parameters for a region.

1 19. (Original) The telephone system of claim 18 wherein the position detector comprises
2 a global positioning system (GPS) sensor.

1 20. (Original) The telephone system of claim 18 wherein the at least one geographical
2 region in (B) and the mechanism in (C) reside within the portable phone, and the call
3 router in (D) resides in a telephone company network that is coupled to the portable
4 phone.

1 21. (Original) The telephone system of claim 18 wherein the portable phone
2 communicates its detected position to the call router, and wherein the at least one
3 geographical region in (B), the mechanism in (C), and the call router in (D) reside in a
4 telephone company network that is coupled to the portable phone.

1 22. (Original) A method for selectively ringing or not ringing a second phone when a call
2 is placed to a portable phone, the method comprising the steps of:
3 the portable phone using an internal position detector to detect its geographical
4 position;
5 defining at least one geographical region;
6 defining phone parameters that determine how a call is rung and routed for each
7 defined geographical region;
8 receiving the position of the portable phone from the position detector;
9 determining from the received position of the portable phone whether the portable
10 phone enters or exits a defined geographical region;
11 updating phone parameters for a geographical region when the portable phone
12 enters the geographical region;
13 updating phone parameters for a geographical region when the portable phone
14 exits the geographical region; and
15 ringing and routing a telephone call according to the phone parameters for a
16 defined geographical region.

1 23-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Original) A method for dynamically defining a region for a portable phone that
2 includes an internal position detector, the method comprising the steps of:
3 (1) placing the portable phone in a dynamic region definition mode;
4 (2) moving the portable phone to a first boundary point;
5 (3) storing the first boundary point as a boundary point for the region as detected
6 by the internal position detector;
7 (4) repeating steps (2) and (3) until all desired boundary points have been entered;
8 and
9 (5) computing a region by connecting the boundary points.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 were originally filed in this continuation-in-part patent application. In response to the first office action dated 09/18/03, an amendment was filed on 12/16/03 that cancelled claims 23-25 and amended claims 1 and 10. A final office action was mailed on 1/20/04. In response a Notice of Appeal was filed on 4/20/04, followed by an Appeal Brief on 6/21/04. In response to the Appeal Brief, the Examiner reopened prosecution, and issued a new office action on 7/14/04. In the pending office action, claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,038,451 to Syed *et al.* (hereinafter "Syed") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,235,633 to Dennison *et al.* (hereinafter "Dennison"). Claims 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed and Dennison and further in view of Hardouin. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed and Dennison and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,459,695 to Schmitt. No claim was allowed. In this amendment, claims 1-7 and 10-15 have been cancelled, and claims 8 and 16 have been amended. Claims 8, 9, 16-22 and 26 are currently pending.